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Operational
CARBOHYDRATE - Progress Report

Synopsis: This memorandum reviews the important features of the CARBOHYDRATE operation since November 1949. The agent's present position within the East Berlin Polizeipraesidium, the security factors which have arisen from the application of more stringent rules governing the movements of Soviet Sector police (of BEIM-2859), the agent's present salary status, his more active role within the SED, and his recent and current intelligence production are stressed in this report.

1. Position: CARBOHYDRATE's position within the East Sector Berlin Polizeipraesidium remains unchanged since our last report. He is the director of the Referat for Legal Affairs in the Secretariat of the President, Polizeipraesidium, holding the rank of Polizeikommandeur (erster Klasse) and receiving a monthly salary of 1100 East Mark, of which 830 remains after deductions. You will recall (of MOB-A-5101, para h) that Chefinspekteur Erich LUST, chief of the Hauptabteilung Verwaltungspolizei (Administrative Police) in the Hauptverwaltung fuer Volkspolizei (HVVP) proposed to name the agent as a replacement for Dr. SCHOEPPF in the Secretariat of the President of the HVVP. Although we had hoped at the time that CARBOHYDRATE might succeed in obtaining the position, thereby increasing his rather meager coverage of the HVVP, the proposed transfer was blocked, according to agent, by Vice President SCHOKENHERR, Berlin Polizeipraesidium, who deemed CARBOHYDRATE, as the only police official in the Secretariat with a legal background, indispensable for the smooth functioning of the Secretariat. Thus CARBOHYDRATE remains in his position and no subsequent proposals of transfer have been made to him.

2. a) Security Factors: Shortly before the Whitsun Meeting of the FDJ in Berlin, Waldemar SCHMIDT issued an oral order forbidding all Soviet Sector police from entering the Western Sectors either in uniform or in civilian clothes unless they were on a specific police mission (of BEIM-2859). Since this command was given just before the Deutschland Treffen and in addition to an earlier order alerting the police from 23 May through 2 June 1950 for the FDJ rally, it

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was impossible to determine whether SCHMIDT's verbal command, like the alert status decree, was to be a temporary measure, and we were forced to make new arrangements for contacting CARBOHYDRATE. The order still stands, but because of the fact that so many of the East Berlin police have friends and relatives in West Berlin, come to the Western Sectors to buy commodities not available in the Russian Sector, or cross the Sector boundary to attend sport events, the order, although ostensibly still in effect, has been impossible to enforce strictly and the agent is once again able to come to the US Sector for regularly scheduled meetings. Nevertheless, we have agreed with CARBOHYDRATE that should it become impossible in the future for him to leave East Berlin his wife can act as courier (cf MJB-A-6303, para 6). This arrangement has, in fact, been employed during the period when the alert decree was in effect, when Mrs. CARBOHYDRATE twice came to the appointed meeting place with oral messages from her husband. We have for some time been fully cognizant of the fact that the agent's wife is aware of his work for us and realizes of what it consists. Because of her strong attachment to her husband and her intense anti-Soviet feelings (cf MJB-A-3991, para 6), we have never regarded her as a security risk. Thus the employment of CARBOHYDRATE's wife as a courier in the event her husband is confined to the East Sector has two advantages: a) she is already informed concerning the nature of the operation and the information which her husband supplies to us and b) the agent himself would much prefer having his wife, whom he trusts completely, act in this role to having an unknown third person introduced into the operation. In addition, the agent's wife is able to come to the US Sector under cover of normal circumstances. CARBOHYDRATE and his family live in an apartment only 400 yards removed from the US Sector boundary, and it is extremely easy for the wife to cross into the Tempelhof section of the American district, which, in fact, she normally does to shop or to visit friends. Furthermore, she still has a number of acquaintances in Berlin-Spandau, where she and the agent lived before the war. Of course, this arrangement has some obvious disadvantages, particularly since we should be forced to rely more heavily upon the agent's judgment of what is important and of interest to us in the realm of police affairs inasmuch as the opportunity for thorough personal briefing of the agent would be lost and such would have to be done by his wife. In the past, however, we have found CARBOHYDRATE to be a good judge of the local police situation and capable of differentiating between the important and unimportant, as evidenced by his reports and meticulous discrimination between fact and rumor.

b) In light of the increased pressure applied to the Volkspolizei in Berlin to limit or prohibit all contacts with the West Berlin populace and because of the growing preoccupation of DDR officials with sabotage and espionage, we have instituted the following plan for telephonic communications between the case officer and CARBOHYDRATE. In the event that it is necessary for the former to contact the agent, the case officer will call CARBOHYDRATE's residence and ask for Herr SEIDEL. The agent or his wife, both of whom have been accordingly briefed, will reply that the caller has the wrong number, whereupon the agent's wife will cross into the US Sector and phone the office agent phone number, the only number which the agent possesses.

c) In line with our recommendation as mentioned in MJB-A-6303, para 8, it may become necessary, should personal meetings between this office and the agent or agent's wife be impossible or too dangerous in the future, to supply CARBOHYDRATE with secret writing materials and the requisite instructions pertaining

to their use. We do not, however, anticipate such a contingency in the near future nor without sufficient warning to prevent us from having ample time to give the agent adequate training in the use of such materials.

d) In no operation can the possibility be overlooked that the agent is in fact a double. We have analysed the CARBOHYDRATE operation during the past two years and feel that he is cooperating with us fully, albeit perhaps more from material considerations than from a sincere conviction that United States policy provides the only path for a subsequent German revival. In this connection the undersigned holds the opinion that CARBOHYDRATE's anti-Soviet attitude stems from a German feeling of superiority toward Russia and from the treatment accorded his wife during the first days of the Soviet occupation (cf MGB-A-3931, para 6). At the same time the agent's anti-Communist inclination would appear to be based on a feeling of intellectual superiority to the vast majority of the DDR officials with whom he has come in contact. The undersigned would be appreciative, however, if headquarters, at its convenience, could examine all aspects of the operation with a view to the doubled agent possibility.

3. Salary Status: In accordance with the request stated in MUK-W-4572, we shall attempt to clarify CARBOHYDRATE's present salary status. He receives a monthly cash payment of 150 West Mark as well as a monthly deposit of 400 West Mark in the West. In addition, the agent is given the following operational supplies each month: 20 packs of cigarettes, 8 cans of meat, 3 pounds of coffee, 10 cigars, 4 bottles of whiskey, 24 bars of candy, 3 pounds of cocoa and 2 pounds of egg powder. In MGB-A-6303, the West Mark total of 3300 is given to include both the cash salary paid the agent and the monthly deposits. With regard to MUK-W-4572, para 3, may we request that Headquarters withdraw the amount of 100 dollars, authorized in previous Project Approvals up to 1 July 1950 for travel expenses incurred by CARBOHYDRATE from the funds allocated to cover the expenses of this operation, since this authorization has never in the past been drawn upon. To date, all amounts needed by the agent for special purposes have been deducted from his account in the West. This practice has always been more than satisfactory to CARBOHYDRATE, and it is preferred by this office for reasons of control over the agent.

4. Party Activity: As you will recall in previous memoranda concerning the CARBOHYDRATE operation, the problem of the agent's secret membership in the SPD created a potential security threat. Since his papers can not be extracted from the Party's records without casting suspicion on him, it has been deemed the better course to allow the question to remain in abeyance and to encourage CARBOHYDRATE by all available means to take an increasingly active part in the SED. In this latter course some success has been attained. CARBOHYDRATE has been in regular attendance at the bi-weekly meetings of the Polizeipräsidium Shop Group during the past half year. In addition, he takes part in the special SED sessions devoted to the study of the history of the CP, USSR (b). This study course is considered to be of especial importance for all police officials who hope to be promoted and is felt by police members to be of greater political significance than the regular Shop Group meetings. CARBOHYDRATE has also occasionally volunteered for extra Sunday work in factories in East Berlin, and on the occasion of the FDJ Deutschland Treffen, he boarded two FDJ members in his apartment. In the May Day parade through the Soviet Sector he was given the march command of one of the companies representing the Volkspolizei in Berlin.

5. Production: The subject of MGB-A-6045, referred to in MUK-W-5321, has been mentioned to CAUTERY by ☐ as being of interest to us, and

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CAUTERY is currently attempting to contact him.

Besides the above-mentioned operational lead furnished by CARBOHYDRATE, the following reports have been disseminated from material submitted by him:

BRLE-2496	MOB-9250
2558	9383
2703	9512
2890	9549
2859	9546
	9556
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CARBONHYDRATE has been on vacation since 17 July 1950 and is expected to return on 14 August to Berlin.

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